

Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Project Profile
MONTANA
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Focus Areas Funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epidemiology and Surveillance - Core • Health Alert Network
Montana has strengthened its capacity to respond to threats of bioterrorism by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing an alliance with Idaho, North Dakota, and South Dakota to conduct regional disease surveillance and enhance epidemiologic capacity • Designating a full-time surveillance coordinator to conduct field investigations, follow-up and report incidents to the State Epidemiologist and Health Officer • Developing a core epidemiologic and surveillance response plan with specific information about individual agents • Working with one of the largest hospitals in the State to develop a basic hospital response plan • Incorporating animal health issues and partners into bioterrorism surveillance efforts • Conducting bioterrorism training programs for lab professionals, EMS providers, county officials, law enforcement, sanitarians, and other public health professionals • Conducting an assessment of information/communications capacity in 56 local health jurisdictions • Assessing local workforce training needs • Developing and conducting a table-top exercise • Updating communications and training capacity at the local level via technical assistance site visits and new hardware/software • Developing and testing internal and external protocols for coordination of State and local public health service providers during a response effort
Project Year 2 Plans (August 31, 2000-August 30, 2001) include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing collaboration among public health, medical and veterinary partners • Providing animal disease training for state veterinarians • Developing and conducting a comprehensive BT training program for staff in the 4-state consortium • Increasing Internet access, broadcast fax and e-mail capability in local health jurisdictions • Establishing distance learning classrooms throughout the state
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